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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO KUALA LUMPUR, JAKARTA, MEDAN
FROM SINGAPORE DEC 13 REPEATED YOU:

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TAGS: BGEN, SN

SUBJECT: PALM OIL SHIPMENT - BUNKERS FOR STOLTE LION

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 5425

1. EMBASSY WAS APPROACHED BY AMCIT LARRY GLENN,
SINGAPORE REPRESENTATIVE OF WILBUR ELLIS CO., A
COMMODITIES FIRM, FOR AID IN SECURING BUNKERS FOR
PALM OIL TANKER DESTINED FOR U.S. THE TANKER "TOLTE
LION", A VESSEL OF STOLTE NIELSON LINE (SNL), NOW
IN DRYDOCK IN SINGAPORE AND DUE OUT DECEMBER 14, HOPES
TO TAKE ON BUNKERS IN SINGAPORE BEFORE LOADING PALM
OIL IN PORT KLANG. VESSEL WILL THEN CARRY 20,000 TONS
OF PALM OIL AND PALM KERNEL OIL TO U.S MANUFACTURERS.

2. PALM OIL WILL ULTIMATELY BE USED IN SUCH FACTORIES
AS GLIDDEN, SWIFT AND PROCTOR AND GAMBLE. GLENN TOLD
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EMBOFF THAT CONTINUING SHIPMENT PALM OIL IS ESSENTIL
TO OPERATION OF THESE PLANTS. ALSO, STORAGE FACILITIES

VERY LIMITED, SO IF PALM OIL CANNOT BE SHIPPED,
MALAYSIAN AND INDONESIAN PRODUCERS WILL ALSO
SUFFER SERIOUS LOSSES.

3. SNL HAS LONG-STANDING CONTRACT WITH
MOBIL FOR BUNKERS. SNL OWNERS MADE NOMINATIONS FOR
BUNKERS SEVERAL WEEKS AGO THROUGH MOBIL LONDON OFFICE.
THEIR REQUEST WAS RELAYED TO MOBIL NEW YORK RGR CON-
SIDERATION. TO DATE MOBIL HAS NOT AGREED TO SUPPLY
BUNKERS FOR "STOLTE LION". LOCAL MOBIL OFFICIALS
SAY THEY NEED NY APPROVAL TO BUNKER.

4. BOTH GLENN AND STOLTE MANAGER ASSERT MOBIL WANTS
TO CHARTER THIS VESSEL FOR POL SHIPMENTS. GLENN
ASSERTS DELAY ON UNKERS MAY BE DESIGNED TO
FORCE SNL ACCEDE TO CHARTER ARRANGEMENT,
LEAVING PALM OIL SHIPMENT BY WAYSIDE.

5 INFO CONTAINED KUALA LUMPUR 5424 (NOTAL) PASSED
TO GLENN AND SNL FOR USE IN CASE THEY SEEK BUNKERS
IN MALAYSIA.

ACTION REQUESTED: IF DEPARTMENT DEEMS ADVISABLE,
PLEASE CONTACT MR. PAUL YOUNG, MOBILE MARINE SALES AND
SUPPLY DEPARTMENT, SOUTHEAST ASIA DIVISION, IN MOBIL
OFFICES NEW YORK AND REQUEST BUNKERS BE MADE AVAILABLE
FOR "STOLTE LION" IN ORDER THAT SHIPMENT OF THIS VITAL
COMMODITY NOT BE HALTED.
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